

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Case No. 05-21207
ASARCO LLC, et al.)	Chapter 11
)	
<u>Debtors.</u>)	

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS
FEDERAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL SITES**

WHEREAS, several sites that have been or will be the subject of environmental response, restoration activities, and/or other work are identified herein as the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and the Miscellaneous State Sites respectively;

WHEREAS, the United States and/or the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Washington (the "States" and, with the United States, "the Governments") have alleged that ASARCO LLC, formerly known as ASARCO Incorporated ("ASARCO" or the "Debtor"), is a potentially responsible party with respect to the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites (as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 below);

WHEREAS, the United States has alleged that it has incurred past response costs, and will incur additional future response costs, under CERCLA, in connection with the Miscellaneous Federal Sites (except the Coy Mine Site), that ASARCO is liable for such costs, and that ASARCO is liable for the payment of a stipulated penalty pursuant to a previous consent decree in connection with the Coy Mine Site;

WHEREAS, each State has alleged that it has incurred past response costs and/or natural resource damages (including natural resource damage assessment costs), and will incur future response costs and/or natural resource damages (including natural resource damage assessment costs), under CERCLA or similar state laws in connection with one or more of the Miscellaneous State Sites and that ASARCO is allegedly liable for such costs and/or natural resource damages;

WHEREAS, ASARCO filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas a voluntary petition for relief under Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on August 9, 2005 (the "Bankruptcy Case");

WHEREAS, the United States filed Proof of Claim Nos. 8375, 11008, 10746, 18267, and 18315 in the Bankruptcy Case setting forth, inter alia, claims against ASARCO under Section 107 of CERCLA for various past and future response costs as defined under CERCLA in connection with the Miscellaneous Federal Sites (except the Coy Mine Site);

WHEREAS, the United States filed Proof of Claim No. 10746 in the Bankruptcy Case setting forth, inter alia, a claim against ASARCO for payment of a stipulated penalty resulting from ASARCO's failure to perform the Supplemental Environmental Project for the Coy Mine Site, as required by the consent decree entered in United States of America and State of Texas v. Encycle/Texas, Inc. and ASARCO, Inc., Case No. H-99-1136 (S.D. Tex, Oct. 6, 1999) (the "1999 Encycle Consent Decree");

WHEREAS, the United States filed a Motion of the United States for Leave to File Late Supplemental Proof of Claim on Behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Against ASARCO LLC for the Terrible Mine (Dkt. No. 6837) in the

Bankruptcy Case setting forth claims against ASARCO under Section 107 of CERCLA for various past and future response costs as defined under CERCLA in connection with the Terrible Mine Site;

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Court entered a Stipulation Abating Objection Deadline on [Docket # 6837]. See Motion of the United States for Leave to File Late Supplemental Proof of Claim on Behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Against ASARCO LLC for the Terrible Mine Site (Dkt. No. 6900);

WHEREAS, the States filed Proofs of Claim numbered 10828, 10829 (Arizona), 10408 (Colorado), 8056, 18320 (New Jersey), 7989, 10543, 10544 (Oklahoma), and 10716-10733, 11098-11115 (Washington) setting forth, inter alia, claims against ASARCO under Section 107 of CERCLA, or similar state laws, for various past and future response costs and/or natural resource damages (including natural resource damage assessment costs) as defined under CERCLA, or similar state laws, in connection with the Miscellaneous State Sites corresponding to such State;

WHEREAS, Debtors have proposed a Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") that incorporates a resolution of the claims for Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous States Sites;

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites as Class 8 and provides that they shall be Paid in Full under the Plan with holders of Class 8 Claims having allowed general unsecured claims in amounts specified in this settlement agreement, and this settlement agreement will be incorporated in the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Debtors, the United States, and the States wish to enter into the settlement agreement contemplated by the Plan for Class 8 Claims;

WHEREAS, the following additional Class 8 Claims are being resolved through separate settlements: (1) Murray Smelter Site in Murray, Utah; and (2) East Helena Offsite Compensatory Natural Resources Damages Claim.

WHEREAS, the following additional potential Class 8 Claims are being resolved through separate settlements and may upon approval become allowed Class 7 Claims (Previously Settled Environmental Claims): (1) Miscellaneous New Mexico Sites; and (2) the Triumph Mine Tailings Pile Site in Blaine County, Idaho;

WHEREAS, claims for owned, non-operating properties, including portions of the Circle Smelting Site and Black Pine Site are being resolved through separate Custodial Trust Settlements;

WHEREAS, this Settlement Agreement is expressly conditioned upon confirmation of the Plan, and shall have no effect in the event that the Plan is not confirmed;

WHEREAS, subject to confirmation of the Plan, the parties hereto desire to settle, compromise and resolve their disputes without conducting costly and time-consuming estimation hearings relating to the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites;

WHEREAS, subject to confirmation of the Plan, this Settlement Agreement is intended to serve as a comprehensive settlement of the claims by the Governments against ASARCO with respect to all past costs and any potential future costs incurred by the Governments (including, but not limited, response costs and, where indicated, natural

resource damages), whether secured or unsecured, relating to or in connection with the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites (except the Coy Mine Site, and claims for the owned, non-operating Beckermeyer and Black Pine properties being resolved through a separate Custodial Trust Settlement Agreement), and all claims by the United States for stipulated penalties in connection with the Coy Mine Site pursuant to the 1999 Encycle Consent Decree;

WHEREAS, in consideration of, and in exchange for, the promises and covenants herein, and subject to confirmation of the Plan, the parties hereby agree to the terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement");

WHEREAS, the settlement amounts herein are in the nature of compromises and these amounts are lower than the Government would claim in the absence of this settlement;

WHEREAS, this Settlement Agreement is in the public interest, is fair and reasonable, and is an appropriate means of resolving this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, without the admission of liability or any adjudication on any issue of fact or law, and upon the consent and agreement of the parties by their attorneys and authorized officials, and subject to confirmation of the Plan, it is hereby agreed as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS

1. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the Miscellaneous Federal Sites are:
 - a. the Tacoma site, which consists of Operable Units ("OU") 02, 04, and 06 of the Commencement Bay Nearshore Tideflats Superfund Site in and around Tacoma and Ruston, Washington, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at

which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Tacoma Site");

b. the Circle Smelting site, a former zinc smelter facility located in the Village of Beckemeyer, Illinois, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Circle Smelting Site");

c. the Terrible Mine site, a 44-acre former lead mining and milling site located in the Old Isle Mining District on CR 271 approximately 12 miles east-northeast of Westcliffe, approximately 3 miles south of the Fremont County line, and approximately 0.5 mile north of the intersection of CR 271 and CR 274 in Custer County, Colorado, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Terrible Mine Site");

d. the Stephenson/Bennett Mine site, comprising an area of approximately 150 acres located on the south side of State Highway 70 approximately one mile southwest of Organ and approximately five miles northeast of Las Cruces in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, consisting of former mining and milling sites, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Stephenson/Bennett Site");

e. the Coy Mine site, a zinc mine in Jefferson County, Tennessee, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Coy Mine Site");

f. the Richardson Flat Tailings site, a former mine tailings impoundment that covers approximately 160 acres immediately southeast of the junction of U.S. Highway 40 and Utah Highway 248 approximately three and one half miles northeast of Park City, in Summit County, Utah, including the Lower Silver Creek area to which hazardous substances from the Richardson Flat Tailings Site and tailings from other parts of the Park Cities Mining District have migrated, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any other locations at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Richardson Flat Site");

g. the Jack Waite Mine site, comprising several mine adits, a former mill site, four tailings ponds, and one or more waste rock piles located in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest east of Prichard, Idaho, at the Idaho-Montana border on land administered by the Forest Service, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Jack Waite Site");

h. the Black Pine Mine site, a portion of the larger Black Pine Mine Complex that is located in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and comprises mill tailings, a large mine waste rock dump, a seep, and associated wastes on land administered by the Forest Service about 8 miles northwest of Philipsburg, Montana, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Black Pine Site");

i. the Combination Mine site, a portion of the larger Black Pine Mining Complex that is located in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and consists of a tailings pond and associated wastes in Lower Willow Creek on land administered by the

Forest Service about 10 miles northwest of Philipsburg, Montana, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Combination Mine Site");

j. the Flux Mine site, a former zinc and silver mine and associated mine adits and waste rock dumps located about 11 miles southeast of Patagonia, Arizona, in Santa Cruz County, Arizona, and in the Coronado National Forest on land administered by the Forest Service, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Flux Mine Site"); and

k. the International Boundary Water Commission ("IBWC") site, comprising the American Dam and Canal portion of the Rio Grande Canalization Project and the American Dam Field Office, situated on 5.56 acres immediately across from ASARCO's smelting operation in El Paso, Texas, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "IBWC Site").

2. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the Miscellaneous State Sites are:

- a. the Helvetia site, consisting of a historic mine and associated wastes in Pima County, Arizona, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Helvetia Site");
- b. the Bonanza Mining District site, a historic mining district including the Rawley Mine and its associated adits, mill, and tailings areas in and

around Squirrel and Kerber Creeks in Sagauche County, Colorado, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Bonanza Site");

- c. the Summitville Mine Superfund site, a 1,400-acre historic mining site located in Rio Grande County, approximately 18 miles southwest of Del Norte, Colorado, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Summitville Site");
- d. the South Plainfield site, located at 901 Oak Tree Road and Park Avenue (designated as Block 222, Lot 1, on the Tax Map of South Plainfield) in South Plainfield, New Jersey, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "South Plainfield Site");
- e. the U.S. Zinc, Henryetta Plant site, a 17.9-acre historic zinc smelting facility located in Henryetta, Oklahoma, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Henryetta Site");
- f. the U.S. Zinc, Kusa Plant site, a 100-acre historic zinc smelting facility located in Kusa, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Kusa Site");

- g. the Chollet Mine site, a mineral exploration site located approximately 20 miles north of Colville, Washington, five miles west of the Van Stone Mine, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Chollet Mine Site");
- h. the Golden King site, a former mine located approximately three miles south of the city of Wenatchee, in Chelan County, Washington, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Golden King Site");
- i. the Van Stone site, a 138-acre lead/zinc mine and mill located about 21 miles northeast of the town of Colville, in Stevens County, Washington, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Van Stone Site");
- j. the Northport Smelter site, a 32-acre historic lead/zinc smelting facility located on the Northport-Waneta Road in Northport, Washington, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Northport Smelter Site");
- k. the Anderson Calhoun Mine site, a 200-acre (92 impacted acre) former lead/zinc mine and mill facility located about 1 mile north of Leadpoint, Washington, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location

at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Anderson Calhoun Site"); and

1. the Azurite site, located in Whatcom County, Washington in the Mill Creek drainage, approximately 18.5 miles west-northwest of Mazama, Washington. The Site is located on public land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (the "Forest Service" or "FS"). The Site consists of five underground mine openings, two main waste rock piles, a tailings pile, and the remains of the former mill building foundation. An abandoned office building is located down slope of the former mill foundation, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Azurite Site").
3. The Monte Cristo Mining District Site, a historic mining district including mines, mill facilities, adits, and waste piles located within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest approximately 40 miles east of the City of Everett, in Snohomish County, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the "Monte Cristo Site") is both a Miscellaneous Federal Site and a Miscellaneous State Site.
4. The Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 site, comprising the Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate-70 Superfund Site, an approximately 4.5 square mile area in north-central Denver, Colorado, consisting of a historic smelter and the residential areas surrounding it, including OU1, OU2, and OU3, as further described in the proofs of claim, and any location at which hazardous substances from this property have come to be located (the

"Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site") is both a Miscellaneous Federal Site and a Miscellaneous State Site.

II. JURISDICTION

5. The Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157, 1331, and 1334.

III. PARTIES BOUND; SUCCESSION AND ASSIGNMENT

6. This Settlement Agreement applies to, is binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their legal successors and assigns, and any trustee, examiner or receiver appointed in the Bankruptcy Case.

IV. ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS

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- a. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the United States on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Tacoma Site, the Circle Smelting Site, the Terrible Mine Site, the Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site, the Stephenson/Bennett Site, the Richardson Flat Site, and the Jack Waite Mine Site, and with respect to any and all stipulated penalties in connection with the Coy Mine Site pursuant to the 1999 Encycle Consent Decree (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by the United States in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at the EPA Sites) (collectively, with the Coy Mine Site, the "EPA Sites"), the United States on behalf of the EPA

shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the total amount of \$55,402,390, which shall be allocated as follows: (i) Tacoma Site - \$27 million; (ii) Circle Smelting Site - \$6,052,390; (iii) Terrible Mine Site - \$1.4 million; (iv) Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site - \$1.5 million; (v) Stephenson/Bennett Site - \$550,000; (vi) Richardson Flat Site - \$7.4 million; (vii) Jack Waite Site - \$11.3 million; and (viii) Coy Site - \$200,000. Distributions received by the United States on behalf of EPA shall be deposited in Site specific or Site operable-unit specific special accounts with respect to each of the EPA Sites (except the Coy Mine Site) within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund to be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions at or in connection with such Site or to be transferred by EPA to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund. The allowed general unsecured claim for the Circle Smelting Site is in addition to the amounts provided for the Beckemeyer Site—the owned portions of the Circle Smelting Site—in the separate Custodial Trust Settlement Agreement for the Beckemeyer Site and Black Pine Sites;

- b. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the Forest Service, with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Jack Waite Site, the Combination Mine Site, the Flux Mine Site, and the Black Pine Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by the United States in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at the FS Sites) (collectively,

the "FS Sites"), the United States on behalf of the Forest Service shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the total amount of \$1,219,000, which shall be allocated as follows: (i) Jack Waite Site - \$0 (the joint claim for future costs is being allowed to EPA above); (ii) Combination Mine Site - \$542,000; (iii) Flux Mine Site - \$487,000; and (iv) Black Pine Site - \$190,000. Distributions to the Forest Service shall be deposited in a special account to be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions at or in connection with the Sites;

- c. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the IBWC with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the IBWC Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by the United States in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at the IBWC Site), the United States on behalf of the IBWC shall have an allowed general unsecured claim of \$19 million for the IBWC Site.
- d. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the State of Arizona with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Helvetia Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in Arizona's Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by Arizona in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at the Helvetia Site), the State of Arizona shall

have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$880,000 for the Helvetia Site;

- e. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the State of Colorado with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Bonanza Site, the Summitville Site, and the Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site (including but not limited to related claims for insurance proceeds and the liabilities and other obligations asserted in Colorado's Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by Colorado in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at such Sites), the State of Colorado shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the total amount of \$488,800, which shall be allocated as follows: (i) Bonanza Site- \$400,000; (ii) Summitville Site - \$86,000; (iii) Permit and emissions fees - \$2,800; (iv) Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site - \$0.
- f. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the State of New Jersey with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, and to any and all natural resource damages incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the South Plainfield Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and obligations in New Jersey's Proof of Claim and other pleadings filed by New Jersey relating to natural resource damages and response costs with respect to the South Plainfield Site), the State of New Jersey shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$1 million for the South Plainfield Site;

- g. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the State of Oklahoma with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Kusa Site and the Henryetta Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in Oklahoma's Proof of Claim and other pleadings filed by Oklahoma in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at such Sites), the State of Oklahoma shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the total amount of \$1.889 million, which shall be allocated as follows: (i) Kusa Site - \$1.78 million; (ii) Henryetta Site - \$109,000;
- h. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the State of Washington with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Chollet Mine Site, the Golden King Site, the Van Stone Site, the Northport Smelter Site, the Anderson Calhoun Site, and the Azurite Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in Washington's Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by Washington in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at such Sites), the State of Washington shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the total amount of \$3.7 million, which shall be allocated as follows: (i) Chollet Mine - \$300,000; (ii) Golden King Site - \$400,000; (iii) Van Stone Site - \$3 million; (iv) Northport Smelter Site - \$0; (v) Anderson Calhoun Site - \$0; (vi) Azurite Site - \$0.

- i. In settlement and satisfaction of all claims and causes of action of the United States and the State of Washington with respect to any and all costs of response incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with the Monte Cristo Site (including but not limited to the liabilities and other obligations asserted in the United States' and Washington's respective Proofs of Claim and other pleadings filed by the United States and Washington in the Bankruptcy Court relating to response costs at the Monte Cristo Site): The United States on behalf of the Forest Service shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$5.5 million and the State of Washington shall have an allowed general unsecured claim in the amount of \$5.5 million. The United States on behalf of the Forest Service's total allowed general unsecured claim under subparagraph 7(b) and 7(i) of this Settlement Agreement is thus \$6,719,000.
- j. The Plan provides that the Prepetition ASARCO Environmental Trust shall remain in existence and be unaffected by the Reorganization Cases or any related settlements and assumes that some of the environmental claims asserted in the Reorganization Cases shall be partially provided for by performance by the Debtors and the United States of certain previously identified environmental response actions which would be reimbursed from the Prepetition ASARCO Environmental Trust in lieu of providing for additional Allowed Claims or other consideration. Upon confirmation of the Plan, Reorganized ASARCO and the Plan Administrator shall continue to perform work to be reimbursed from the Prepetition ASARCO

Environmental Trust in accordance with the 2008 Annual Budget for the Prepetition ASARCO Environmental Trust, including but not limited to the performance of work for the Tacoma and Circle Smelting Sites.

8. All allowed claims under this Settlement Agreement shall not be subordinated to other general unsecured claims pursuant to any provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable law that may be contended to authorize or provide for subordination of allowed claims, including without limitation sections 105 and 510 of the Bankruptcy Code.

9. Although the claims granted to the United States herein are described as general unsecured claims, this description is without prejudice to the United States' alleged secured right of set-off against ASARCO's claim for tax refunds and nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall modify or waive such alleged secured claim of set-off.

10. With respect to the allowed unsecured claims set forth in Paragraph 7 for the United States on behalf of EPA, USDA/Forest Service, and IBWC, and for the States, only the amount of cash received respectively by each such agency or each such State for such allowed claims (and net cash received by each such agency or each such State on account of any non-cash distributions) in the Bankruptcy Case, and not the total amount of the allowed claims, shall be credited by each such agency or each such State to its account for a particular site, which credit shall reduce the liability to such agency or such State of non-settling potentially responsible parties (or responsible parties that have only partially settled their liability) for the particular site by the amount of the credit.

V. OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

11. All obligations of Debtor to perform work pursuant to any outstanding Consent Decree, Unilateral Administrative Order, or Administrative Order on Consent regarding any of the EPA Sites, FS Sites, Monte Cristo Site, IBWC Site, and the Miscellaneous State Sites are fully resolved and satisfied upon the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement and Debtor shall be removed as a party to such orders or decrees pursuant to the terms hereof; provided, however, (1) that all requirements to retain records shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date, and EPA, the Forest Service, or any State may request that Debtor provide or make available for production in the state and condition in which such records are found, any such records retained with respect to a Site as to which the EPA, the Forest Service, or such State is a party to any order or consent decree, in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 12, and (2) with respect to the Consent Decree for the Tacoma Site, United States v ASARCO, Inc., Civil Action No. 91-5528 B (W.D. Wash.), the United States and ASARCO will file papers with the District Court for the Western District of Washington to modify the Consent Decree to conform to this Settlement Agreement and remove ASARCO as a party to the Consent Decree.

12. Between the date this Settlement Agreement is lodged with the Court and the date a plan of reorganization is confirmed by the Court, EPA, the Forest Service, or any State may request Debtor provide or make available in the state and condition in which such records are found any records that are retained pursuant to any Order or Decree to which such agency or State is a party. Debtor shall produce such records, or make such records available for production in the state and condition in which such records are found, to the

requesting party within thirty (30) days of any such request and in any event prior to the confirmation of a plan of reorganization.

VI. COVENANTS NOT TO SUE

13. With respect to the EPA Sites (including releases of hazardous substances from any portion of such Sites, and all areas affected by natural migration of such substances from such Sites) and except as specifically provided in Section VII (Reservation of Rights), the United States, on behalf of EPA, covenants not to sue or assert any civil claims or causes of action against ASARCO pursuant to Sections 106, 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607; RCRA § 7003, 42 U.S.C. § 6973; any similar state law; or any liabilities or obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim.

14. With respect to the FS Sites and the Monte Cristo Site (including releases of hazardous substances from any portion of such Sites, and all areas affected by natural migration of such substances from such Sites) and except as specifically provided in Section VII (Reservation of Rights), the United States, on behalf of the Forest Service, covenants not to sue or assert any civil claims or causes of action against ASARCO pursuant to Sections 106, 107(a) or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, and 9613; any similar state law; or any liabilities or obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim.

15. With respect to the IBWC Site (including releases of hazardous substances from any portion of the Site, and all areas affected by natural migration of such substances from the Site) and except as specifically provided in Section VII (Reservation of Rights), the United States, on behalf of the International Boundary Water Commission, covenants not to sue or assert any civil claims or causes of action against ASARCO pursuant to

Sections 106, 107(a) or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, and 9613; any similar state law; or any liabilities or obligations asserted in the United States' Proofs of Claim.

16. Except as provided in Section VII, the United States, on behalf of EPA, agrees that upon the Effective Date, any and all obligations or liabilities of ASARCO to EPA under Sections 106 or 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, or Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, related to the FS Sites, the Monte Cristo Site, and the IBWC Site will be discharged. Moreover, the United States, on behalf of EPA, agrees not to assert a claim in the Bankruptcy Case for such obligations or liabilities, except as provided in Section VII.

17. With respect to the Miscellaneous State Sites, the Monte Cristo Site, and the Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site (including releases of hazardous substances from any portion of such Sites, and all areas affected by natural migration of such substances from any such Sites) indicated below, and except as specifically provided in Section VII (Reservation of Rights), each State covenants not to sue or assert any civil claims or causes of action against ASARCO pursuant to Sections 107(a) or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, and 9613; RCRA § 7002 and 7003, 42 U.S.C. § 6972 and 6973; any similar state law; or any liabilities or obligations asserted in its respective Proof(s) of Claim as follows:

- a. Arizona with respect to the Helvetia Site;
- b. Colorado with respect to the Bonanza Site, Summitville Site, and Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site;
- c. New Jersey with respect to the South Plainfield Site;
- d. Oklahoma with respect to the Henryetta Plant Site and Kusa Site;

- e. Washington with respect to the Chollet Mine Site, Golden King Site, Monte Cristo Site, Van Stone Site, Northport Smelter Site, Anderson Calhoun Site, and Azurite Site.

18. This Settlement Agreement in no way impairs the scope and effect of the Debtor's discharge under Section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code as to any third parties or as to any claims that are not addressed by this Settlement Agreement.

19. Without in any way limiting the covenants not to sue (and the reservations thereto) set forth in Paragraphs 13-17 and notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement Agreement, such covenants not to sue shall also apply to ASARCO's successors, assigns, officers, directors, employees, and trustees, but only to the extent that the alleged liability of the successor, assign, officer, director, employee, or trustee of ASARCO is based solely on its status as and in its capacity as a successor, assign, officer, director, employee, or trustee of ASARCO.

20. The covenants not to sue contained in Paragraphs 13-17 of this Settlement Agreement extend only to ASARCO and the persons described in Paragraph 19 above and do not extend to any other person. Nothing in this Agreement is intended as a covenant not to sue or a release from liability for any person or entity other than ASARCO, the Governments, and the persons described in Paragraph 19. The Governments and ASARCO expressly reserve all claims, demands, and causes of action, either judicial or administrative, past, present or future, in law or equity, which the Governments or ASARCO may have against all other persons, firms, corporations, entities, or predecessors of ASARCO for any matter arising at or relating in any manner

to the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites and/or claims addressed herein.

21. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to limit the authority of the United States or any State to take response action under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, or similar state laws, or any other applicable law or regulation, or to alter the applicable legal principles governing judicial review of any action taken by the United States pursuant to that authority. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to limit the information-gathering authority of the United States or any State under Sections 104 and 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604 and 9622, or any other applicable federal law or regulation, or similar state laws, or to excuse the Debtor from any disclosure or notification requirements imposed by CERCLA, RCRA, or any other applicable federal law or regulation.

22. Debtor covenants not to sue and agrees not to assert any claims or causes of action against the United States with respect to any of the EPA Sites, FS Sites, the Monte Cristo Site, and the IBWC Site, and against each State with respect to the corresponding Site listed in Paragraph 17(a) through (e), including but not limited to: any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund (established pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507) through CERCLA Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112, 113, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b), 9607, 9611, 9612, 9613, or any other provision of law; any claims against the United States or the States including any of their departments, agencies or instrumentalities, under Section 107 or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, 9613; and any claims arising out of the response activities at any of the Miscellaneous Federal Sites and Miscellaneous State Sites. Nothing in this

Settlement Agreement shall be construed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611 or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

23. The covenants not to sue set forth in Section VI do not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The Governments reserve, and this Settlement Agreement is without prejudice to, all rights against the Debtor or other persons with respect to all other matters, including but not limited to: (i) any action to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement; and (ii) liability for response costs, natural resource damages (including natural resource damage assessment costs), and injunctive relief under RCRA, CERCLA Sections 106 and 107, or similar state laws, for Debtor's future acts creating liability under RCRA, CERCLA, or similar state laws, that occur after the Effective Date of this agreement. Debtor's future acts creating liability under CERCLA, RCRA, or similar state laws do not include continuing releases related to Debtors' conduct prior to the effective date of the Plan. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall affect the State of Washington's rights with respect to the Tacoma Site, which are being handled in separate settlement agreements, and nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall affect or waive any covenant not to sue or contribution protection ASARCO has regarding the Tacoma Site. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor in the Plan, is intended to abrogate, impair or interfere with the payment rights or the liens held by the U.S. EPA with respect to the Development Payout Agreement that was entered into as part of the sale dated as of January 9, 2006 between MC Construction Consultants, Inc., a Washington corporation, and ASARCO (the "Payout Agreement"), and all such rights are hereby reserved. The payments under the

Payout Agreement are separate and in addition to any amount paid under the allowed general unsecured claim for the Tacoma Site set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

24. Regarding the City and County of Denver's claim for \$84,543.52 in past costs, carved out of the contribution protection for the Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site as specified in Paragraph 26 below, ASARCO reserves the right to object to the City and County of Denver's claim on all grounds, including but not limited to allocation and divisibility.

25. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a party to this Settlement Agreement.

VIII. CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

26. The parties hereto agree that, as of the Effective Date, ASARCO is entitled to protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f)(2) for matters addressed in this Settlement Agreement. The matters addressed in this Settlement Agreement include all costs of response incurred or to be incurred by the United States or any liable person relating to or in connection with the EPA Sites, the FS Sites, the Monte Cristo Site, and the IBWC Site; all natural resource damages (including natural resource damage assessment costs) relating to the South Plainfield Site; and all costs of response incurred or to be incurred by the following States or any liable person relating to each corresponding Site as follows:

- a. Arizona relating to the Helvetia Site;
- b. Colorado relating to the Bonanza Site, Summitville Site, and Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site (with the exception of the City and County of Denver's claims for \$84,543.52 for past costs related to the Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Site);

- c. New Jersey with respect to the South Plainfield Site;
- d. Oklahoma relating to Henryetta Plant Site and Kusa Site;
- e. Washington relating to Chollet Mine Site, Golden King Site, Monte Cristo Site, Van Stone Site, Northport Smelter Site, Anderson Calhoun Site, and Azurite Site.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

27. This Settlement Agreement will be subject to a public comment period following notice published in the Federal Register and notice under any applicable state law providing for public comment, which may take place concurrent with the judicial approval process under paragraph 28 hereof. The United States and any State taking public comment reserve the right to withdraw or withhold their consent if the public comments regarding the Settlement Agreement disclose facts or considerations that indicate that this Settlement Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the United States and any State taking public comment will provide the Court with copies of any public comments and their response thereto.

X. JUDICIAL APPROVAL

28. The settlement reflected in this Settlement Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019. The Debtor shall move promptly for court approval of this Settlement Agreement and shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to obtain such approval.

XI. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

29. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over both the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement and the parties hereto, for the duration of the performance of the terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to apply to the Court at any time for such further order, direction and relief as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or interpretation of this Settlement Agreement, or to effectuate or enforce compliance with its terms.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

30. This Settlement Agreement shall be effective only when each of the following occurs, and upon the latest of the approval by the Court in accordance with Paragraphs 27 and 28 hereof, and the confirmation of the Plan incorporating this Settlement Agreement. If the Plan is not confirmed, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and of no further effect.

XIII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

31. The signatories for the parties each certify that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement and to execute and bind legally such Party to this document.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES ENTER INTO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

FOR THE UNITED STATES

Date: 15 Aug. 2008

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PLAN EXHIBIT 12-C
RESIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SETTLEMENT